GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1834
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REGULATORY AGENCY FOR DISMANTLING OF APM
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a regulatory agency on the lines of TRAI after dismantling of the APM;

(b) if so, whether such a plan has been cleared;

(c) whether such a body would reverse the liberalisation trends after dismantling of the APM; and

(d) the role of such a body is likely to play after APM becomes inoperative?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) : Information is given in the Statement at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1834 FOR R ON 2ND AUGUST, 2001 REGARDING REGULATORY AGENCY FOR DISMANTLING OF APM .

(a) to (d) : In the deregulated scenario, it will continue to be the duty of the Government to ensure adequate availability of petroleum products to meet the demand at reasonable prices, in all parts of the country. Further, there would be need to ensure that all the players follow the prescribed rules. It is, therefore, recognised that while Government will have an important role even in the de-regulated scenario, an empowered body is required to be created to cater to these needs. With these objectives in view, setting up of a `Regulatory Mechanism` for downstream petroleum sector is proposed. For the same reasons, a regulatory mechanism is considered necessary for distribution and marketing of natural gas. Further, with the participation of private oil companies in the exploration and production of oil and gas in the Indian basin, to ensure that exploitation of national mineral resources is optimal, regulatory mechanism in the upstream petroleum sector is also envisaged.